City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, December 15, 2016

Upon the recommendation of the Mayor David J. Narkewicz and the Conservation Commission

16.216
An Order
To authorize the purchase of 5.5 acres on Burts Pit Road

Ordered, that

- WHEREAS, the *Open Space and Recreation Plan:* 2011-2018 recommends preserving open space on Burts Pit Road to preserve Northampton's only bog and rare species habitat and provide for a multiuse trail to serve the area;
- WHEREAS, the City Council has already approved the purchase of 110+/- acres on Burts Pit Road, Stone Ridge Road and Overlook Drive for the purposes of habitat preservation as well as creation of affordable housing;
- WHEREAS, Burt's Bog is an environmentally and historically important location that also provides opportunities for trail and habitat connections;
- WHEREAS, Michael D. Kaminski has offered to sell 5.5 acres +/- on Burts Pit Road directly adjacent to the Burts Bog acquisition (Map 29-007) for \$110,000

WHEREAS, no general fund appropriation is requested;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

The City of Northampton, through its Conservation Commission is authorized to purchase or otherwise acquire any fee, easement, and/or any other interest in the above land for the purposes of open space preservation and creation of a multiuse recreational trail. The Mayor is authorized to grant a conservation restriction (per M.G.L. C. 184 Section 31) on said land.

